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For: **FEEDBACK CONTROL OF CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING DEVICE
PROVIDING MANIPULATION OF REMOVAL RATE PROFILES**

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REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to an Office Communication dated December 30, 2004, and is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time to extend the period of response up to and including June 30, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.